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SENATOR MARVEL: I'd like to have Senator Bereuter comment on the top of Page 21 just a moment.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, after an examination of the activities of the Nebraska Crime Commission, that is the title that is commonly used, we had some substantial concern about the growing number of employees, the growing bureaucracy in the State Crime Commission and about the allocation of their money in terms of distribution between corrections, law enforcement, the judiciary and juvenile delinquency, and so in order to insure that we had enough money but not too much money to match the available federal money and to insure that we did not have a continuously growing bureaucracy, we did place a personal service limitation in this rare instance on the State Crime Commission and allocate them only what they needed to match federal funds for next year. Furthermore, we lapsed a substantial amount of money unexpended this year by failing...by intentionally failing to reappropriate that money. We have, however, reappropriated sufficient money to handle all the projects that they now have in the mill and even provided a little cushion of money for matching federal money.

SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President or Mr. Clerk, do you have some amendments on the board.

CLERK: There are motions to amend, Mr. President, There is a two and a half page amendment signed by Senator Keyes.

PRESIDENT: All right. The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Before I add the amendments, I'd like to ask Senator Marvel a question, if I could. It would not be on the amendments but it would be on...on Page 22, Senator Marvel, it says, for information purpose only. Total appropriations to agency #78 and fund sources. Now this kind of worries me in the future. The General Fund is only \$213,000 and the cash fund of \$246,000. Federal fund estimated, \$5,569,000. What are we getting ourselves into that we are going to spend six, seven million dollars? Six million, twenty-eight thousand. What are we obligating ourselves to?

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Bereuter. I am going to ask Senator Bereuter to answer your question on Page 22.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Senator Keyes, the large amount of federal money is the money that is available on a matching basis for the Nebraska Crime Commission from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and approximately this amount of money has been coming in from LEAA over the last five or six years and a large proportion of it, in fact the majority of it, is distributed to political subdivisions, sheriff departments, to the court systems, to police departments for various sort of personnel training or hardware grants, such as, the purchase of certain types of law enforcement equipment or communication facilities. Additionally, a very